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1. US 4,726,620
2. US 2002/031234 A1

3. EP 0 872 384 A2
4. DE 93 19 779 U1
5. DE 43 00 433 A1
6. DE 195 39 631 A1
7. DE 102 03 599 A1 (has English-language equivalent application US 7,058,193 B2 listed as Document 12)
8. DE 297 19 024 U1
9. EP 0 629 525 B1
10. WO 00/48 225 A2
11. English abstract of JP 2001-105989 A
12. US 7,058,193 B2

Documents 1-5 are cited in the ISR. Documents 5-11 German Search Report. Documents 2, 7 and 11 are also mentioned in the background of the specification. Document 12 is an English-language equivalent application of Document 7. A concise explanation of relevancy for each non-English document is provided below:

**Document 3**

It is indicated in the ISR that column 2, line 51 - column 3, line 42 and the figure of Document 3 are "A" category relevant to claim 1 of the corresponding PCT application.

**Document 4**

It is indicated in the ISR that page 4 and the figures of Document 4 are "A" category relevant to claim 1 of the corresponding PCT application.

**Document 5**

It is indicated in the ISR that column 4, line 6 – column 5, line 42 and the figures of Document 5 are "A" category relevant to claim 1 of the corresponding PCT application.

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**Document 6**

It is indicated in the German Search Report that column 1, lines 6 – 10 of Document 6 are "Y" category relevant to claims 1 and 9 of the corresponding German application.

**Document 8**

It is indicated in the German Search Report that page 2, first paragraph of Document 8 is "Y" category relevant to claims 1 and 9 of the corresponding German application.

**Document 9**

It is indicated in the German Search Report that claim 1 of Document 9 is "A" category relevant to claims 1-9 of the corresponding German application.

**Document 10**

It is indicated in the German Search Report that claim 6 of Document 10 is "A" category relevant to claims 1-9 of the corresponding German application.

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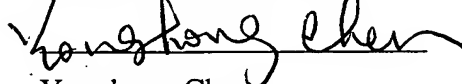
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		WO 00/48 225 A2	08-17-2000	NIKON CORPORATION	
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